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SUBJECT: ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO STABILIZE LOCAL SECURITY SITUATION

1. ON APRIL 22 THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMISSION OF ANGOLA
ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE DENOUNCING THE VIOLATIONS OF
RECENT AGREEMENTS AND STATING THE STEPS THEY WOULD TAKE TO
PRECLUDE REPETITION.

2. THE VIOLATIONS MENTIONED WERE "UNAUTHORIZED INTRODUCTION
OF MATERIAL BY AIR, SEA AND LAND; ASSAULTS UPON AND NON-AUTHORIZED
OCCUPATION OF INSTALLATIONS RELINQUISHED BY THE PORTUGUESE ARMY,
THE OPVDCA (MILITIA), AND THE STATE."

3. TO DISCOURAGE FURTHER VIOLATIONS THE NDC SAID IT WOULD
PUBLICLY DENOUNCE ALL TRANSGRESSIONS IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC
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TO KNOW WHO WAS GUILTY OF BREAKING THE PEACE. IF AN ASSAULT

OR ILLEGAL OCCUPATION IS MADE THE GUILTY LIBERATION MOVEMENT WILL BE GIVEN A DEADLINE TO "NORMALIZE THE SITUATION." IF THE DEADLINE IS NOT MET, TROOPS FROM THE MIXED MILITARY FORCE OR THE FORCES OF PREVENTION WILL TAKE ACTION CONSIDERED ADEQUATE TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM.

4. IN OUR OPINION THIS EFFORT WILL MEET THE SAME FATE AS THE NUMERIOUS OTHER ATTEMPTS TO LEGISLATE PEACE IN ANGOLA - IT WILL BE IGNORED. UNLESS THE PORTUGUESE ARMY IS WILLING TO SIDE MILITARILY WITH ONE OR TWO OF THE MOVEMENTS AGAINST THE OTHER, THERE IS LITTLE BITE IN THIS PRONOUNCEMENT. WE DO NOT FORESEE MANY CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE THE PORTUGUESE WOULD FIGHT TO DISLODGE A LIBERATION FORCE. CONFLICTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE RESOLVED, WHEN POSSIBLE, BY AD-HOC AGREEMENTS AT THE SENIOR LEVELS, WHEN IT SUITS ALL PARTIES TO AGREE.

5. SOME RECENT EXAMPLES OF THE TYPE OF VIOLATIONS THAT HAVE AROUSED THE NDC'S IRE ARE THE OCCUPATION BY FNLA OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE OPVDCA AND MPLA'S SMUGGLING OF ARMS BY AIR INTO LUSO AND LUANDA. THERE HAVE BEEN ALSO ATTEMPTS TO BURGLE PORTUGUESE ARMY ARMS DEPOTS, SOMETIMES WITH SUCCESS.

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